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ERIK BARNOUW APPOINTED CHIEF OF NEW DIVISION

Erik Barnouw, America's foremost broadcasting historian, has accepted an appointment to the position of chief of the newly created Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division, effective July 31. Mr. Barnouw, a consultant to the Library since January 1977, will head the division responsible for the custody, processing, preservation, and servicing for reference purposes of the Library's collection of over 252,000 motion picture reels; maintaining the Library's collection of more than 711,000 sound recordings on disc, tape, wire, and cylinder and operating a recording laboratory; and developing the newly mandated American Television and Radio Archive.

A native of The Hague, Mr. Barnouw graduated from Princeton University in 1929 and subsequently studied at Columbia University and at the University of Vienna under Max Reinhardt. From 1946 to 1973, he served on the faculty of Columbia University, where he organized and chaired the Film Division in the School of Arts and taught courses in film and television. He simultaneously continued his activity in the broadcasting industry, mainly as a writer for the Theatre Guild radio and television series. In 1957-59 he headed the Writers Guild of America, representing the nation's screen and television writers. He also organized the Center for Mass Communication, the mass-media division of Columbia University Press.

The center's series of films on constitutional law, *Decision: The Constitution in Action,* produced for National Educational Television and written by Mr. Barnouw in consultation with Herbert Wechsler of the Columbia School of Law, won the 1959 Gavel Award of the American Bar Association. He also produced the center's 1970 film, *Hiroshima-Nagasaki, August 1945,* broadcast on public television on the 25th anniversary of the event and shown on television in many parts of the world. *(Continued on p. 315)*

LC ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF BIBLIOGRAPHIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Library of Congress has announced the formation of the Bibliographic Advisory Committee as an advisory group on the nationwide data base design project. This project, directed by the Library's Network Development Office and funded by the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, will develop the design concepts and specifications for the configuration of a nationwide library data base. It is a continuation of efforts begun at the Library of Congress in 1976 to determine the role of authority files in a network environment. [Additional information on the project may be found in the *Library of Congress Information Bulletin* for January 6, pp. 2-3.]

The role of the Bibliographic Advisory Committee will be to review the work completed by consultants who will be engaged to carry out parts of the design

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project and to assist in making those bibliographic decisions that may affect national bibliographic policy.

The members of the committee were chosen to provide representation of a broad spectrum of library needs. The following persons who have agreed to serve on the committee are Frances Hinton, Free Library of Philadelphia; Joseph A. Rosenthal, University of California at Berkeley; Jeanne M. Holmes, National Agricultural Library; Paul Kebabian, University of Vermont; Ann Ekstrom, Ohio College Library Center; and Joseph H. Howard, Library of Congress.

The committee will be chaired by Mr. Howard as the authority system of the Library will be a major component of these efforts. A liaison has been established between the Bibliographic Advisory Committee and the Network Technical Architecture Group (NTAG), which is currently involved in the design of a system to connect automated library bibliographic services. Howard Harris, the NTAG member from the University of Chicago, will serve as that liaison.

The first meeting of the Bibliographic Advisory Committee will be held during the Annual Conference of the American Library Association in June.

14TH ANNUAL GUIDE TO CHILDREN'S BOOKS PUBLISHED

What do books of 1977 have to offer children? Young readers can read about adult subjects such as the oil economy and troubled areas of the world, and also about hobgoblins and trolls, debonair donkeys seeking their fortune, resourceful piglets on a bicycle built for 10, quasars and fat men from space, the Holocaust, and Egyptology.

Children's Books–1977 is the 14th in a series of annual guides to children's books published by the Library of Congress. The 20-page annotated list was compiled by the Library's Children's Literature Center in cooperation with the Educational Materials Center in the U.S. Office of Education and an advisory committee of Washington area specialists.

Over 200 titles have been selected from the nearly 2,500 new juvenile trade books reported to have been published in the United States, a substantial increase over those of the preceding year. Intended as an aid to public and school librarians, educators, and parents, the publication represents a wide variety of books considered useful and enjoyable for children from preschool age through junior high school–a balance of leisure reading, books for school reading programs, books to be shared in reading aloud, and books for background reading and as supplements to the curriculum.

While fantasies were numerous and accounted for special originality and distinction of writing, and folklore appeared in new forms–the easy-to-read storybook and epic-like narrative–fiction in 1977 often emphasized today's social and psychological problems. These included divorce, old age, death, sexism, foster home situations, and child abuse. New social/psychological/scientific books appeared on deafness and other physical handicaps. There were new treatments of mathematics and substantial books with ecological implications–many of them handsomely produced. Black, Chinese, and native Americans peopled fiction, folklore, and biography.

The guide was prepared under the direction of Virginia Haviland, head of the Library of Congress's Children's Literature Center, assisted by an advisory committee whose members read and examined many new books, met regularly for discussions, and

suggested titles to provide a balanced selection of children's literature.

The committee members were Mary Billings, educational materials specialist, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Deborah Weilerstein, coordinator of children's services, and Elizabeth Goebel, head, Central Children's Room, Department of Libraries, Arlington, Va.; Elizabeth B. Murphy, deputy coordinator, Children's Services, District of Columbia Public Library; Sarah E. Gagne, science teacher, District of Columbia Public Schools; Christina Carr Young, lecturer, George Washington University; Margaret N. Coughlan, reference specialist in children's literature, Children's Literature Center, Library of Congress; Elizabeth C. Hoke and Laurie Mielke, assistant coordinators, Children's Services, Department of Public Libraries, Montgomery County, Md.; Katherine Ann Cima, media specialist, Northern Area Administrative Center, Public Schools, and Mary Elizabeth Wildberger, media specialist, Phyllis E. Williams School, Prince George's County, Md.

Children's Books–1977 is available by mail from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for 90 cents (Stock No. 030-001-00085-1). There is a minimum charge of $1 on all mail orders.

ERIK BARNOUW APPOINTED CHIEF OF NEW DIVISION

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During his distinguished career, Mr. Barnouw has written extensively in the field of broadcasting. His books have included *Mass Communication* (1956) and *Indian Film,* written under a Fulbright research grant in collaboration with S. Krishnaswamy of Madras and published by Columbia University Press in 1963. Six subsequent works, all published by Oxford University Press, are a three-volume *History of Broadcasting in the United States* (including *A Tower in Babel* in 1966, *The Golden Web* in 1968, and *The Image Empire* in 1970), *Documentary: A History of the Non-Fiction Film* in 1974, *Tube of Plenty: The Evolution of American Television* in 1975, and *The Sponsor: Notes on a Modern Potentate,* published this year. *The Image Empire* won the Bancroft Prize in American history and the entire *History of Broadcasting* series both the Frank Luther Mott Award in journalism history and the George Polk Award.

Mr. Barnouw was a Guggenheim Fellow in 1969

and a Woodrow Wilson Fellow in 1976. He is a member of the Society of American Historians, the Society for Cinema Studies, the Writers Guild of America, and the Authors League of America.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE MEETS DEMANDS OF NEW WORKLOAD

The Copyright Office, in a continuing effort to deal more successfully and efficiently with the unprecedented volume of work generated by the change in the copyright law, is reassigning staff members to temporary details in the sections of the office most heavily burdened. Register of Copyrights Barbara Ringer chaired a meeting on April 26 with the approximately 50 employees affected.

Since the end of last year, the Copyright Office has been coping with a tremendous volume of correspondence generated by requests and delivery of all new application forms and informational circulars explaining the changes in the law. Despite the office's attempts to educate the public, many applications are submitted with omissions and errors, requiring further correspondence with claimants.

Individuals and groups among the staff volunteered on several occasions to help overloaded sections.

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1977 JEFFERSON LECTURE PRESENTED AT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The seventh annual Jefferson Lecture in the Humanities, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, was presented by noted American historian C. Vann Woodward in the Library's Coolidge Auditorium on Wednesday afternoon, May 3. Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin welcomed the overflow audience of more than 900 guests of the Endowment, including many distinguished representatives from Congress and the executive branch of the Government, from the arts, and the academic world. Joseph D. Duffey, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, introduced Mr. Woodward, Sterling professor of history emeritus at Yale University, whose topic was "Europe's America."

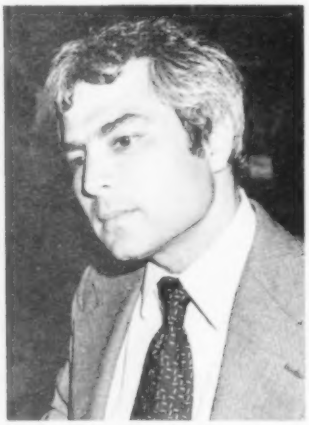
Paying tribute to Mr. Woodward at a reception in the Great Hall following the lecture were John Hope Franklin, professor of history at the University of Chicago, the Honorable J. William Fulbright, and Anne F. Scott, professor of history at Duke University. Other well-known guests included Robert Penn Warren, chosen to deliver the Jefferson lecture in 1974, a former consultant in poetry (1944-45) to the Library of Congress, and professor of English emeritus at Yale University; Barry Jagoda, special assistant to the President for media and public affairs; and Alan Barth, author and former editorial writer for 30 years for the *Washington Post.*

Mr. Fulbright, Mr. Woodward, and Mr. Franklin

Mr. Woodward with Mr. and Mrs. Barth

Mr. Boorstin and Mr. Warren (above)

Mr. Duffey (center photograph)



Mr. Jagoda (right photograph)

NAVY BAND PREMIERES "LIBRARY OF CONGRESS MARCH"

Lt. (jg.) Michael Pesses conducted a 24-piece ensemble of the United States Navy Band in a concert in the Coolidge Auditorium on Friday, May 5, which featured the premiere performance of "The Library of Congress March," composed by former Secretary of the Navy J. William Middendorf. Former Secretary Middendorf presented Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin (right photograph) with a copy of the march in a ceremony in The Librarian's office following the noontime concert.

Examiners and reference searchers helped answer the telephones in the Public Office of the Information and Publications Section, and catalogers aided the Licensing Division and the Information and Publications Section. Program analysts from the Planning and Technical Office assisted the Examining Division, and examiners in the Visual Arts Section spent a week on the Literary Section's backlog.

Joan Doherty, a program analyst in the Planning and Technical Office, was asked to coordinate a systematic plan of assistance. She arranged for attorneys and secretaries in the Office of the General Counsel and the Office of the Register to aid the Examining Division in writing and typing letters, and employees from the Preservation Section and from the Filing and Revising Unit of the Card Catalog Section to assist the Acquisitions and Processing Division in processing mail.

STAFF NEWS

Chief of New Division Named

John Paul Heard became the first chief of the new Records Management Division in the Copyright Office, effective May 5. The division was established as part of the recent reorganization of the Copyright Office. Mr. Heard's responsibilities include developing a comprehensive records management program which will encompass selection and retention policies and retrieval and storage procedures for copyright records.

Born in London, England, Mr. Heard received a bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude,* from San Francisco State College and a law degree from George Washington University. He brings to his new position more than a decade of experience in archives and records management, including four years at the National Archives and Records Service as an archivist, three years at the Department of Housing and Urban Development as a management analyst in records appraisal and disposition, and over three years with the U.S. Department of the Treasury in the records management branch. He is also experienced with the application of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts. He is a member of the Association of Records Managers and Administrators (ARMA) and is the editor of its quarterly newsletter.

DEATH OF A FORMER STAFF MEMBER

Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Willard Webb, who retired from the Library of Congress as chief of the Stack and Reader Division in October 1961, died Sunday, May 7, at Fairfax (Va.) Hospital. He was 74.

Mr. Webb served in the former Reference Department from 1923 until his retirement, except for service with the U.S. Army in World War II, during which time he was appointed chief of the newly created Stack and Reader Division in absentia. Following his retirement, he was named honorary consultant in motion pictures to the Library for a three-year term, an appointment that reflected the expertise he had developed in the field when the Library's motion picture collections were placed in the custody of the Stack and Reader Division in 1953.

His long career in the Library of Congress began and remained devoted to service in the Main Reading Room. His first job was that of delivering books from the stacks to readers, followed by service as a deck attendant in the stacks. He became a reference librarian and was then assigned to the Central Desk.

He entered the Army as a lieutenant in World War II and served in numerous Pacific landings and assaults as a tank battalion commander. He returned with the rank of colonel and in January 1961 became a brigadier general in the Army Reserve.

A native of Tennessee, Mr. Webb grew up in the Washington area, earning both bachelor's (1927) and master's (1928) degrees from George Washington University. He also studied sculpture at the Corcoran School of Art. He was the editor of *Crucial Moments of the Civil War* (published in 1961) and the author of several plays produced by little theater groups and a television script. His other interests included woodcarving and puppetry.

Mr. Webb is survived by his widow, the former Margaret Detwiler, of the home in Clifton, Va., two sons, Thomas G. of Ellicott City, Md., and Willard J. of Mt. Rainer, Md., a sister, Janie R. Webb, also of Mt. Rainer, and three grandchildren. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 10, at Clifton Presbyterian Church, where he had taught Sunday School for many years. Interment was in Arlington National Cemetery.

AWARDS

Mary P. Boyle, head, Administrative Services Section, Central Services Division, was presented a 30-year Federal Service Award pin by Edmond L. Applebaum, Associate Librarian for Management, on May 17. She has been a staff member in the Central Services Division for 17 years, holding progressively responsible positions.

Mrs. Boyle began her career at the Library in September 1953 as a correspondence clerk trainee in the Copyright Office. Following several promotions there, she was transferred and promoted to secretary to the assistant chief, Order Division, in 1960. In May 1961 she was promoted to the position of administrative secretary in the former Office of the Secretary and in October of that year to the position of assistant head of the former Central Services Section. She received a quality increase in January 1967. In August 1969, she was promoted to her present position.

Before coming to the Library of Congress, Mrs. Boyle worked for the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C., for one year, and for the Army Signal Corps in Philadelphia, Pa., for four years.

A native of Hazleton, Pa., Mrs. Boyle is an enthusiastic gardener and knitter.

John A. Dutch, inventory management specialist in the Procurement and Supply Division, received a 20-year Federal Service Award pin from Floyd Hedrick, chief of the division, on May 3.

Mr. Dutch came to the Library of Congress as an assistant training officer with the Personnel Department after his retirement as a senior master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. In his 26 years of military service, Mr. Dutch served during three wars—in World War II, and in Korea and Vietnam. He transferred to

the Procurement and Supply Division in July 1968.

In 1957, Mr. Dutch received the Freedom Foundation Medal presented by the late J. Edgar Hoover at Valley Forge, Pa. Mr. Dutch resides with his wife, Marie, and daughter, Terri, in Oxon Hill, Md.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Debra Allison, bibliographic assistant and section secretary, GS-6, Orien, 5606; Helen Fisher, secretary to the general counsel, GS-7, OGC, 5455; Jackie Neal, clerk-typist, GS-3, Cop Acq & Proc, OP 7-200; John Storbeck, language specialist, GS-7, FRD, 5546.

Temporary Appointments: Robert E. Bartley, Jr., deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP RS-112; Victoria Fillgrove, assistant editor of catalog publications, GT-7, Cat Publ, 5452; Jeffrey Hardenstine, mail clerk-messenger assistant (trainee), GS-2, CS, NP; Orrel Lencho, editorial assistant, GS-5, CRS F, NP; Sylvan Rienks, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP RS-113; Eunice Robertson, deck attendant trainee, GS-2, S&R, OP RS-112; Elaine Robichaud, photocopy assistant-messenger, GS-3, CRS D, NP; Stuart Stone, assistant editor of catalog publications, GT-7, Cat Publ, 5452.

Reappointment: William McDonald, mail technician, GS-3, Cop Acq & Proc, OP 10-200.

Promotions: Evelyn Brown, to senior filer editor, GT-6, Photodup, 5403; Kim Brown, Cop Rec Mgmt, to compliance searcher, GS-4, Cop Acq & Proc, 5552; Charles Ciccone, to specialist in business and labor, GS-16, CRS E, 5474; Rosalyn Coleman, Cat Mgmt, to clerk-typist, GS-4, DBPH, 5460; Elizabeth Devins, to library technician, GS-7, CRS C, 5493; Shirley Hall, to senior film editor, GT-6, Photodup, 5403; Richard Harvey, Cop Rec Mgmt, to lithographic helper, WI-4, CS, TAP 5443; Bohdan Kantor, to senior film editor, GT-6, Photodup, 5403; Warren Lenhart, to head, Central Research Section, GS-13, CRS F, 5492; Ronnie Lewis, S&R, to catalog filer (trainee), GS-5, Cat Mgmt, 5500; Annette Love, to preassigned card number assistant, GS-5, Cat Publ, 5576; Donna Muhlert, FMO, to systems programming secretary, GS-6, ISO, 5566; Barnett Serchuk, CRS D, to MARC name authority editor/input operator, GS- 5, MARC Ed, 5434; Nancy Siehl, to systems analyst, GS-13, ISO, 5513; Rhoda Simpson, S&R, to catalog filer (trainee), GS-5, Cat Mgmt, 5500; Elmer Smith, to laborer foreman, WS-6, Bldgs, 5602; Lewis Smith, to library technician, GS-7, CRS C, 5493; Ricardo Veasey, S&R, to catalog filer (trainee), GS-5, Cat Mgmt, 5500; Marjorie Washington, to library technician, GS-7, CRS C, 5493; Ellen Watkins, DBPH, to secretary to assistant director of personnel, GS-7, Pers, 5282.

Temporary Promotion: Daniel Gold, to production control assistant, GS-7, DBPH, 5533.

Transfers: Susan Butler, Cat Publ, to reference clerk, GS-3, CRS E, 5511; Tyvise Callins, Bind, to documents expediting assistant, GT-5, E&G, 5496; Joan Dickson, CS, to secretary, GS-5, Mus, 5518; Renee McCray, Cat Publ, to clerk-typist, GS-3, Desc Cat, 5471; Dorothy Stehle, Desc Cat, to editor, Near East National Union List Project, GT-12, Orien, 5585; William Wrigley, Desc Cat, to gift exchange accessioner, GS-5, E&G, 5520 & 5541.

Resignations: James Coburn, Cop Cat; Gregory Dunn, Photodup; Charlene Green, DBPH; Jeannine Pappas, CRS Gov; Linda Saunders, Photodup; Amy Stevens, Ord; Janice Strickland, MARC Ed; Stephen Thoren, CRS D.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Frank Kurt Cylke, chief of the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, addressed the Library Committee of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped on Wednesday, May 3, at the Washington Hilton Hotel. In a discussion of new programs and activities. Mr. Cylke described progress on the development of computer-produced cassette braille, modifications to the Library of Congress combination record player/cassette machine currently being designed, and work of the Braille Authority of North America.

Mary Kay Daniels Ganning, senior bibliographic systems specialist in the MARC Development Office, participated in a conference on cataloging and information services for machine-readable data files held at Airlie House, Airlie, Va., on March 29-31. During the first session devoted to general state-of-the-art reports, Mrs. Ganning presented a brief talk on the development and uses of MARC formats. Other state-of-the-art talks dealt with the characteristics of machine-readable data files, the types of hardware technology available, the librarian's quest for bibliographic control, the concept of making bibliographic data and reference information available through networks, and the perspective of the user in accessing machine-readable data files. All conferees also participated in working sessions charged with investigating the technical issues, operational procedures, products and services, or user needs for controlling and accessing machine-readable data files (MRDF). Some of the recommendations of the groups included use of AACR 2 rules for descriptive cataloging of MRDF, development of a MARC format for MRDF, and incorporation of abstracting and indexing needs in an automated system. Detailed proceedings are scheduled to be made available through DUALabs later this year.

Donald L. Leavitt, acting chief of the Music Division, was among the speakers dedicating "Workplace," a new library-studio-rehearsal facility at the

North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem on April 28. Other speakers included William Friday, president of the University of North Carolina; Robert Remke, chairman of the board, RJR Foods, Inc.; and James H. Semans, chairman of NCSA's Board of Trustees. The Semans Library is named in tribute to Mr. Semans and Mary Biddle Duke T. Semans. The afternoon's principal address was given by Livingston Biddle, chairman, National Endowment for the Arts. NCSA's Chancellor, Robert Suderberg, aptly observed that all others were "upstaged" by the presentation of an award. The first Behind-the-Scene Award, a gracefully-wrought "iron" butterfly, was presented to Bess Abell, executive assistant to Joan Mondale, by Helen Hayes.

On April 25, **Guy A. Marco**, chief of the General Reference and Bibliography Division (GR&B), spoke at a seminar on international librarianship at the College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland. He is also the author of an article on library education in the new *International Encyclopedia of Higher Education* and of a review in the British journal, *Focus on International and Comparative Librarianship.*

David G. Remington, chief of the Cataloging Distribution Service, delivered a photographic slide program on "Opening the 'Catalog' at the Library of Congress: How Changes at LC Will Affect You," at the spring meeting of the Florida Library Association Technical Services caucus on April 28 in Orlando.

Janet Terner, a reference librarian in the Science and Technology Division, is the co-coordinator for the forthcoming 26th Annual Convention and Workshop of the North American Society for Adlerian Psychology, to be held in Washington, D.C., on May 25-30. She is also scheduled to participate as a panelist in a post-convention workshop on "Psychology and Religion: An Experiential Search for 'Spirit.' "

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Training Office** has announced the following in-house courses, prepared exclusively for Library employees. Attendance must be job-related, and nominations must be submitted by the individual's supervisor using Optional Form 170, *Request, Authorization, Agreement and Certification of Training.* Supervisors should note nominations deadlines. Nominations for scheduled courses will not be accepted after the specified nomination deadline, except when the course is undersubscribed. Further information may be obtained by calling the Training Office on ext. 6348 or by referring to the annual *Catalog of Course Offerings, September 1977 through September 1978.*

Course Title	*Dates*	*Nomination Deadline*
Transactional Analysis for Organizations	6/20-22	6/6
Effective Letterwriting	7/10-26	6/23
Transactional Analysis for Organizations	7/18-20	6/30

The **Welfare and Recreation Association** is sponsoring a golf outing at Andrews Air Force Base Golf Course on Friday, June 16. The $15 entry fee includes green fees and a buffet luncheon. Scores will be computed by the Calloway System. Persons interested in participating should contact Herb Belmear in the Employee Relations Office, Ellsworth Jackson in the Buildings Management Office, Frank Verrier of the Protective Services Section, or any member of the WRA office staff (LCB-G100).

The **Scholars Committee** has announced the speakers for their monthly colloquia for May and June. All colloquia sessions begin at 2:30 p.m. in the Library's Wilson Room and last about one hour, including both the presentation and discussion.

On Monday, May 22, Barbara Finkelstein, associate professor of education, University of Maryland, and Judith Plotz, associate professor of English, George Washington University, will discuss "Liberated Children, Regulated Children: Art and Education in the 19th Century." On Tuesday, June 20, the program will cover the topic, "Perspectives on Soviet Policy." Herbert Dinerstein, professor of Soviet studies, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, will speak on Soviet foreign policy of 1947-48. Barbara Chotiner, a Library of Congress research analyst, will discuss the 1962 reorganization of the Communist Party of the U.S.S.R.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

APPENDIX I

CONCLUDING REPORTS ON THE 30TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN STUDIES
Chicago, Ill., March 31-April 2, 1978

BIBLIOGRAPHY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee on the *Bibliography of Asian Studies* met concurrently with the conference of the Association for Asian Studies. The purposes of this meeting were to review progress in compilation of the 1975 edition of the BAS funded by the Ford Foundation and to review possible changes in procedures appropriate for the 1976 edition in the expectation that the National Endowment for the Humanities will fund compilation of this volume.

The committee was pleased to learn that preparation of the 1975 edition, under the editorship of Estrella Bryant of New Haven, Conn., is already well along and that production appears to be on schedule. The printed volume is now expected to become available in late 1978.

THAILAND- LAOS-CAMBODIA STUDIES GROUP

This studies group of AAS and the Council on Thai Studies held a successful all-day conference on "Thai Studies: Past, Present, and Future," on March 30. Chaired by Eliezer Ayal, professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, the conference focused on the state of the field in five major academic disciplines: anthropology, economics, history, political science, and art.

Of special interest was a panel on history chaired by Constance Wilson, on the faculty of Northern Illinois University. She urged her fellow scholars to begin exploiting primary sources of Thai research materials now available both in Thailand and in this country. She acknowledged that in the past scholars had problems of bibliographic and physical access to primary sources and had therefore relied on secondary sources for their research materials. Now the problems have been to some extent resolved; more and more materials, such as local and dynastic chronicles, have been made available for research purposes by Thai libraries and archives. As a result, she concluded, the study of Thai history has a bright future.

It is anticipated that these proceedings will eventually be published.

CORMOSEA

The Committee on Research Materials on Southeast Asia (CORMOSEA) met on March 30 to review its past activities and to assess how the present technological and economic changes now taking place affect the library development of Southeast Asia collections in this country. Chaired by Charles Bryant of Yale University, the meeting was attended by representatives of Cornell University, the Center for Research Libraries, the Library of Congress, Southern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Hawaii, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Michigan, Ohio University, and Rutgers University.

Four major subjects addressed in this meeting were (1) CORMOSEA's draft of proposed cataloging rules on Burmese romanization and on the entry of Burmese names; (2) the proposal to draft cataloging rules on Thai word division; (3) the proposed second conference on Southeast Asian research materials proposed to be held at the Library of Congress in the spring of 1979; and (4) problems of bibliographic and physical access by Vietnamese residents of this country to Vietnamese library collections. CORMOSEA plans to hold further discussion on these four subjects in its forthcoming fall meeting.

SOUTHEAST ASIA MICROFORM PROJECT

Representatives of the North American Pool of the Southeast Asia Microform Project (SEAM/NAP) met on March 31 to review past, as well as to plan future activities of SEAM/NAP. Attending the meeting were the representatives of Columbia University, Cornell University, the Center for Research Libraries, the Library of Congress, Northern Illinois University, Rutgers University, the University of Michigan, and the University of Wisconsin.

A consensus was reached in the meeting that the international organization known as SEAM should now be disbanded and the contributions of American libraries be allocated solely to SEAM's North American Pool. Accordingly, Ray Boylan of the Center for Research Libraries was asked to write to member institutions of SEAM/NAP for approval of this proposed change. Foreign library institutions, especially the National Library of Australia, will be encouraged to join the North American Pool on a trial basis for

two years. Also under this plan, members of the Executive Committee will be increased from three to six, with five members elected on a staggered basis, and one member—the Library of Congress—asked to send a representative regularly.

Since funds for the microform project are fast running out, CORMOSEA, the parent organization of SEAM/NAP, plans to submit its request for a grant to the National Endowment for the Humanities as soon as the organizational revision is approved by the member institutions.

Because of expressed concern among Philippine scholars, SEAM/NAP will try to incorporate more Philippine titles into its future acquisitions of Southeast Asian research materials. SEAM/NAP will focus on local Philippine newspaper titles, especially in Spanish, held by the Library of Congress and by other library institutions.

Since Cornell University Libraries has a good number of titles of Saigon newspapers that it is not itself prepared to film, SEAM/NAP will undertake this project as soon as titles are selected by members of the Vietnamese Studies Group assisted by the University of Wisconsin. Ray Boylan will coordinate the checking of various library holdings in this country to assure that good runs will be secured by filming.

SOUTH ASIA MICROFORM PROJECT

The South Asia Microform Project (SAMP) representatives and executive committee met during the March convention of the Association for Asian Studies to discuss current achievements and plans.

Although several projects, such as collection of a full set of Indian settlement reports, are still incomplete, the report of the Center for Research Libraries, which acts as secretariat for the project, demonstrates that SAMP has by this time acquired a large and coherent base of research sources. These are regularly being cataloged and recorded in a folder of holdings with supplements as well as on cards supplied to each member institution.

New initiatives discussed included microfilming projects to be undertaken on field trips by American scholars doing research on South Asian subjects and the filming of early dictionaries and grammars of Dravidian languages.

Tina Lesnick, New York Public Library, was elected the new chair of the Executive Committee.

CEAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL PROCESSING

Three important topics were discussed at the March 31 meeting of the Subcommittee on Technical Processing of the Committee on East Asian Libraries, chaired by Thomas H. Lee of Memorial Library, University of Wisconsin at Madison. The first topic concerned problem areas in descriptive cataloging and in subject analysis of East Asian materials. These include choice of names and standard romanization vs. dialectal or special romanization, form of entry for government agencies, source for title proper, printed uniform titles, and Japanese and Korean word division.

Howard Nelson, British Library, in a paper on "Romanisation for Chinese Books," suggested a change from Wade-Giles to Pinyin as the standard for Chinese romanization. The consensus was that a cooperative long-range study of the possible conversion from Wade-Giles to Pinyin should be undertaken.

The third topic centered on the options for automating nonroman scripts (as announced in the November 4, 1977 issue of the LC *Information Bulletin*, pp. 743-745, 746). The group seemed favorably disposed toward the third option—input of nonroman script in full in romanized form with continued production of records in the vernacular through the manual system. Henry Hsing, speaking in support of this option, explained that at the University of Toronto, retrospective input of short-form nonroman script records proved to be an extremely difficult proposition, and that he would therefore recommend the full-form record input from the beginning. A documented statement urging adoption of this option is to be presented to the Library of Congress for consideration in the future automation of catalog records for East Asian materials.

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This committee met with Maureen Patterson of the University of Chicago, in the chair. Professor Patterson is also an elected member of the South Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies.

The chair announced that the council is planning a fall conference to discuss the current status of South Asia studies and studies centers in the United States with the prospect of convening a larger, more topically oriented conference in the spring of 1979. She indicated that library and resource support problems will be one component of these deliberations and requested specific contributions from the various representatives present reflecting their recent experiences.

Helen Poe was introduced as the new head of South

Asia Languages Section in the Library of Congress Processing Department. Jack Crawford represented the Library of Congress Overseas Operations Division.

The recently issued first number of *The South Asia Libraries Newsletter* was circulated and articles solicited.

APPENDIX II

REPORT ON THE NINTH ANNUAL SOCIETY FOR SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE HISTORICAL STUDIES CONFERENCE, Chicago, Ill., March 31-April 1, 1978

The Ninth Annual Conference of the Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies convened recently under the sponsorship of The Newberry Library and the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle. Seven sessions, devoted to mainly political and social historical themes, were presented during the two-day meeting.

The opening session, "Topics in Portuguese History," was chaired by Mary Ellis Kahler, chief, Latin American, Portuguese, and Spanish Division, Library of Congress. Papers were read at the session by Manoel Cardozo, Catholic University of America, on "Limpeza de sangue: Theory and Practice" who considered the determination of social status during the 16th to 18th centuries in Portugal and Brazil; Patricia Mulvey, State University of New York-College at Potsdam, on "Women in the Luso-Brazilian World"—an account of feminine progress in the 19th and 20th centuries; and Susan Schnieder, University of Massachusetts, Boston, on "Agrarian Reform in Portugal," which provided current information and slides on activities in southern Portugal since the 1974 revolution.

Four of the sessions were devoted to the appraisal of 19th- and 20th-century politics in Spain and Portugal. One session, entitled "Dictatorship and Reform in Modern Spain," chaired by Joan C. Ullman, University of Washington, considered agrarian policies under Franco (Henri Martí, University of Michigan), the reform program of Primo de Rivera (James Rial, Allegheny College), and the development of sociology in 20th-century Spain (Jesús de Miguel, Universidad Antónoma de Barcelona). In another session, "Recollections and Reflections on the Spanish Transition," Richard Herr of the University of California, Berkeley gave his personal observations on Spanish political activities in the past three years. In a final session on Spanish political history, entitled "New Views of the Restoration," Carolyn Boyd, University of Texas, reexamined the 1906 law of jurisdiction, and Daniel Headrick, Roosevelt University, suggested an explanation for Cánovas del Castillo's 19th-century historical treatment of the Count-Duke of Olivares. A session devoted to the reassessment of 20th-century Portuguese history considered the Portuguese First Republic 1910-26 (Douglas Wheeler, University of New Hampshire) and political administrative decentralization since April 1974 (Walter Opello, University of Mississippi). Stanley Payne, University of Wisconsin, who served as commentator, skillfully placed the Estado Novo of Salazar 1926-74 in focus. He was also called upon to comment on that critical period of Portuguese history because of the absence of one of the scheduled panelists.

Two presentations on Spanish medieval social history were given in a session chaired by Ellen Friedman, University of Kentucky. The municipal bath laws and social interaction in 13th-century Spain were described by James Powers, Holy Cross College, and Heath Dillard, University of Virginia, assessed the migration of women during the Spanish reconquest.

A team of sociologists, led by Jerome Mintz, Indiana University, considered the study of the rural-urban exodus in contemporary Spain. With Mr. Mintz's documentary film "Pepe's Family" serving as the session's focus, Susan Tax Freeman, University of Illinois, Chicago Circle; David Gregory, Dartmouth College; Davydd Greenwood, Cornell University; and Mr. Mintz discussed their research in Spain in a lively roundtable session.

The annual banquet was held on March 31 in the Drake Hotel. Guest speaker José Antonio Maravall, Universidad de Madrid, treated the members to a presentation on the development of a Spanish bourgeois spirit in the late 18th century and the Spanish adaptation of the liberalizing spirit of Europe of the time.

After a welcoming address by William Towner, director of The Newberry Library, the business meeting of the society was held on April 1. Michael Weisser, executive secretary, announced the results of the election: Charles Halstead, Washington College, Maryland, was chosen the new executive secretary. Carolyn Boyd, University of Texas, John Coverdale, Northwestern University, and Stuart Schwartz, University of Minnesota, are new Executive Committee members. Ursula Lamb, University of Arizona, and William Phillips, San Diego State University, were elected to the Election Committee. The 1979 meeting, the 10th Annual Conference, will be held at the Library of Congress on March 23-25, 1979. The Spanish Institute of New York City has invited the society to meet in that city in 1980.

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